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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE AND SECDEF INFO NATO FROM
THE HAGUE NOVEMBER 9, REPEATED TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, NOVEMBER 7

1. SUMMARY: IN BILATERAL WITH SECDEF NOV 7, FONMIN
VAN DER STOEL EMPHASIZED GON SOLIDARITY WITH US ME POSITION.
FONMIN, WHO EXPRESSED ALARM AT EC REACTION TO ME DEVELOP-
MENTS, WAS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF UK FOR TRYING "TO SAVE THEIR
SKIN". SECDEF SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED BOYCOTT WITH SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND BOTH WERE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT
THAT USG SHARE OIL WITH NETHS THOUGH WE HOPED ACHIEVE BOYCOTT
REVERSAL THROUGH DIPLOMACY. SECDEF EMPHASIZED USG WOULD
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NOT TOLERATE ARAB BLACKMAIL AND DID NOT WISH NETHS TO BECOME
ARAB SCAPEGOAT. HE SUGGESTED US EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ME
SETTLEMENT COMPLICATED BY WILLINGNESS OF SOME OF OUR
EUROPEAN ALLIES TO PAY ARAB OIL BLACKMAIL. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN SAID HE WANTED SECRETARY TO KNOW DUTCH HAD GIVEN FULL COOPERATION IN NATO ON ME SITUATION; NETHS AND US HAD STUCK TOGETHER. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT RUSSIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ME WOULD HAVE BEEN STRATEGIC VICTORY FOR THEM OF GREAT MAGNITUDE.

3. FONMIN DESCRIBED EUROPE'S REACTION TO ME DEVELOPMENTS AS "ALARMING" AND SAID HE BELIEVES ARABS' OIL WEAPON IS DIRECTED AGAINST WESTERN ALLIANCE. UK AND FRANCE HAD FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE ANY COMMON MARKET SOLIDARITY; FRANCE'S BEHAVIOR DID NOT SURPRISE HIM, BUT BRITAIN'S HAD; THE FRG HAD TAKEN A MORE POSITIVE POSITION, AS DID BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG. HOWEVER, HE SAID, IF WEST CANNOT MAINTAIN SOLID POSITION WE ARE IN "DEEP TROUBLE".

4. WHEN FONMIN DESCRIBED NETHS AS NUMBER ONE SCAPEGOAT FOR EUROPE, SECRETARY SAID HE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD DISCUSSED ARAB OIL BOYCOTT OF NETHS AND BOTH FELT STRONGLY THAT US SHOULD SUPPORT NETHS WITH SOME OIL SHARING. HE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE PREPARED, SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED, TO RECOMMEND SUCH ACTION TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. SECRETARY ADDED THAT SUPPLIER NATIONS MUST LEARN US WILL NOT PERMIT ONE COUNTRY TO BE PUNISHED AND THAT US HOPES TO GET REVERSAL OF BOYCOTT THROUGH DIPLOMACY. FONMIN URGED SECRETARY TO PROPOSE OIL SHARING ARRANGEMENT TO PRESIDENT IN VIEW EMERGENCY SITUATION NETHERLANDS WOULD SHORTLY BE IN. NETHS WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE IN MEETING ITS DOMESTIC NEEDS AS WELL AS KEEPING ITS COMMITMENTS TO FURNISH VL TO EC PARTNERS, PARTICULARLY FRG AND BELGIUM.

5. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUESTION REGARDING UK ROLE IN PRESENT SITUATION, VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT IN DUTCH VIEW SUPPORT FOR A UNITED EUROPE SHOULD NOT BE AT EXPENSE OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND UK WAS APPARENTLY TRYING TO "SAVE THEIR SKIN". FONMIN SAID THAT WHILE REASONABLE DEMANDS OF ARABS MUST BE MET,
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E.G., SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND RETURN OF OCCUPIED LANDS, EUROPE SHOULD NOT GET DOWN ON ITS KNEES.

6. SECRETARY OBSERVED PRINCIPAL POINT ESTABLISHED BY ME WAR IS THAT SOVIETS WERE UNABLE TO DELIVER TO THEIR CLIENTS AND ARABS THEREFORE MUST DEAL WITH US. WHILE US HAD MOST OF THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH ARABS, EUROPEAN ATTITUDE OF PANIC WAS MAKING THIS MORE DIFFICULT. WHILE NOTING ISRAEL'S QUEST FOR SECURE BORDERS IS PROBLEM THAT CAN BE RESOLVED, KING FAISAL'S POSITION IS VERY IMPORTANT; ONLY THING HE LIKES LESS THAN ZIONISM IS COMMUNISM AND HE IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH PROSPECT OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN ME. VAN DER STOEL SAID SAUDIS ARE MAIN SUPPLIERS OF OIL TO DUTCH AND REVERSAL OF THEIR

BOYCOTT WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL. HE CONFIDED THAT VAN ROIJEN, FORMER FONMIN AND AMBASSADOR TO US, HAS BEEN SENT AS SPECIAL ENVOY TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ASKED THAT THIS FACT BE HIGHLY PROTECTED. SECRETARY OBSERVED SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO WILL BE VISITING FAISAL AND US MAY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DUTCH SAUDI POSITION AFTER RECEIVING RESULTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DISCUSSIONS.

7. SECRETARY SAID US IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SUPPLY OF OIL AND IS DETERMINED THAT NEITHER IT NOR THE WEST BE DRIVEN TO THE WALL. WHILE US IS NOT ADVERTISING THIS POSITION, WE WANT IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THIS KIND OF BLACKMAIL AND IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF OUR PARTNERS WERE NOT SO WILLING TO PAY IT.

8. SENDING OF THIS MESSAGE WAS APPROVED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WHO DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON.
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